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## Tewfiq Sayigh, Arabic Poet and Lecturer

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 6 (UPI)—Tewfiq Sayigh, a prominent Arabic poet and lecturer at the University of California and former editor of the controversial journal *Hiwar*, was found dead late Sunday at his apartment here. He was 47.

The Alameda County coroner's office said he died of a heart attack.

A member of a distinguished family of Beirut, Lebanon, Mr. Sayigh was considered a leading free-verse Arabic poet as well as a literary critic and translator.

Among his publications, all in Arabic, is "A New Light of Kahlil Gibran," the Lebanese poet and philosopher.

Mr. Sayigh came to Berkeley as a lecturer in Near Eastern languages and comparative literature in 1968. Previously, he conducted lecture tours of American universities, and was the editor of *Hiwar*, a journal of literary criticism in Beirut.

The Journal, considered the most independent and fearless periodical in the Arab world in its heyday several years ago, was

banned from Egypt in 1966 on the charge that it was financed by the CIA.

The Arab left accused *Hiwar* under the stewardship of Mr. Sayigh of imperialism and Zionism, while the right charged it with "Bolshevism." In Saudi Arabia the journal was thought to be dangerously radical, in Egypt, suspiciously conservative.

Egypt led a drive to ban *Hiwar* (dialogue) from other Arab countries.

Mr. Sayigh also taught at London University, Cambridge, and the American

University in Beirut where he received his degree.

He is survived by his father, Abdallah Sayigh, a Presbyterian minister in Beirut, and four brothers: Fayiz, a consultant to the Kuwait Embassy in Washington and director of the Arab League office in New York; Yusuf, chairman of the department of economics at the American University in Beirut; Munir, a doctor with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency in Beirut; and Anis, a publications executive with the Arab League in Beirut.

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